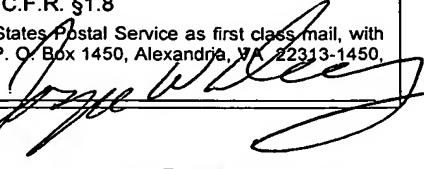




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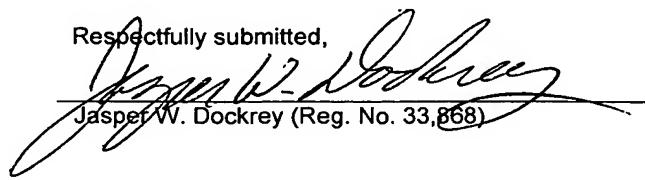
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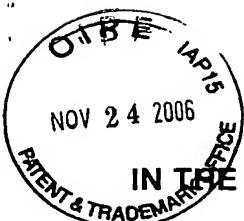
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
US2002/0173121A1	Nov. 21, 2002	Ohya, et al.

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2002-343751 (Japan, corresponds to US2002/0173121A1)	Nov. 29, 2002	Mitsubishi Gas Chem. Co. Inc.
59-209756 (Japan)	Nov. 28, 1984	Toshiba Corp.
2002-184845 (Japan)	June 28, 2002	Kyocera Corp.

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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary.

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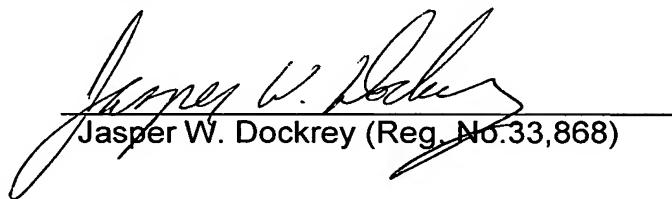
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37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants hereby certify pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference). Applicants have further calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Statement. Applicants have enclosed a check covering this fee, or authorized charging the fee to a deposit account or credit card, as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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C4	2002-184845	06/28/02	Japan		

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